(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the technical reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir. At present, there is no proposal for provision of stoppage of 2957/2958 Ahmedabad-New Delhi Swarn Jayanti Rajdhani Express at Falna.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Rajdhani Express services are primarily meant for providing faster services with very limited stoppages enroute. Therefore, stoppage of 2957/2958 Ahmedabad-New Delhi Swarn Jayanti Rajdhani Express at Falna is not considered justified.

Pantry car in Ashram Express

†831. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for no arrangement of pantry car in Ashram Express which runs from Delhi to Ahmedabad and whether said arrangement is proposed to be provided in future;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the details of the technical aspect, if any, as to which train would have pantry car and which train would not?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) Attachment of Pantry Cars to the trains is considered based on various factors such as priority of the train, journey time, commercial justification, availability of pantry cars, load of the train, etc. The decision in respect provision of pantry car in Ashram Express would be taken in line with above policy as and when operationally feasible.

Lalitpur-Singrauli rail line

†832. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of work of Lalitpur to Singrauli rail route;

(b) the amount spent, so far, on this project;

(c) by when it is targeted to be completed; and

(d) whether funds required for this project would be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) On Lalitpur-Satna, Rewa-Singrauli, Mahoba-Khajuraho new rail line project, Mahoba-Khajuraho has already been completed and commissioned. Earthwork, bridges etc taken up on Lalitpur-Khajuraho section. Land acquisition processed on Rewa-Sidhi section.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(b) Expenditure upto March, 2009 is Rs.303.66 crore.

(c) The project will be progressed as per availability of resources.

(d) Rs.58.26 crore has been provided in the Budget 2009-10 for this project.

Status of railway projects

833. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing and new railway projects and the surveys in the country especially in backward and rural regions during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the progress regarding the completion of said projects as on date;

(c) the details of the funds allocated for the said projects and spent till date project-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the time by when the said projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Superfast daily trains between Maharashtra and North India

834. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are planning to introduce more superfast daily trains between Maharashtra and northern part of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when the trains are likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Following trains announced in Railway Budget 2009-2010 will link Maharashtra and northern part of the country:-

New Trains:

1. Delhi-Pune (AC) Express (Non stop)

2. Sriganga Nagar-Delhi-Nanded Express

3. Mumbai-Varanasi Express

4. Mumbai-Bikaner Express

5. Gorakhpur-Mumbai Express

6. Mumbai-Jodhpur Express

7. Hazrat-Nizamuddin-Bangalore Rajdhani Express *via* Kacheguda

8. Lucknow-Rae Bareli-Bangalore Express